

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) ~~A system as in claim 1,~~ A system, comprising:  
a digital signal processing (DSP) resource manager configured to ensure DSP  
availability for each of a number of channels as individual ones of said channels are  
activated or deactivated, wherein various numbers of said channels are grouped together  
in a carrier system.
3. (Original) A system as in claim 2, wherein said carrier system is comprised of T1  
lines.
4. (Original) A system as in claim 3, wherein the DSP resource manager is  
configured to initialize each of a number of T1 lines depending on the availability of DSP  
resources.
5. (Currently Amended) A system as in claim 2 ~~1~~, wherein said channels comprise  
voice channels.
6. (Canceled)
7. (Currently Amended) ~~A system as in claim 6,~~ A system, comprising:  
a digital signal processing (DSP) resource manager configured to ensure DSP  
availability for each of a number of channels as individual ones of said channels are  
activated or deactivated, wherein the DSP resource manager is configured to ensure DSP

availability by controlling allocation of a number of DSP resources among the activated channels, wherein said DSP resources are assigned to DSP groups according to information compression requests associated with the activated channels.

8. (Original) A system as in claim 7, wherein each of said DSP resources is configured to process one or more of said voice channels depending upon the compression scheme selected.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~A system as in claim 1,~~ A system, comprising:  
a digital signal processing (DSP) resource manager configured to ensure DSP availability for each of a number of channels as individual ones of said channels are activated or deactivated, wherein the DSP resource manager is configured to ensure DSP availability for each of said channels by assigning a sufficient number of DSP resources to each of a number of DSP groups to process information transmitted within all activated channels.

10. (Original) A system as in claim 9, wherein the number of DSP resources assigned to each of the DSP groups is recalculated each time one of the channels is activated or deactivated.

11. (Original) A system as in claim 10, wherein the DSP resources are reallocated between each of the DSP groups to ensure processing of all activated channels and to maximize enhanced compression capabilities.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) ~~A method as in claim 12, further comprising~~ A method comprising:

managing a digital signal processing (DSP) system to ensure DSP availability for each of a number of channels as individual ones of said channels are activated or deactivated; and

grouping various number of said channels together in a carrier system.

14. (Original) A method as in claim 13, wherein said carrier system is comprised of T1 lines.

15. (Original) A method as in claim 14, wherein each of a number of T1 lines is initialized as DSP resources become available.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) ~~A method as in claim 16,~~ A method comprising managing a digital signal processing (DSP) system to ensure DSP availability for each of a number of channels as individual ones of said channels are activated or deactivated, wherein ensuring DSP availability comprises allocating a number of DSP resources among activated ones of the channels, and wherein allocation of said DSP resources to DSP groups is performed by a DSP resource manager according to information compression requests associated with the activated channels.

18. (Original) A method as in claim 17, wherein configuring of each of said DSP resources to process one or more of said activated channels is dependent upon the compression scheme selected.

19. (Original) A method as in claim 18, further comprising assigning a sufficient number of DSP resources to each of a number of DSP groups to process information transmitted within all activated channels.

20. (Original) A method as in claim 19, further comprising recalculating the number of DSP resources assigned to each of the DSP groups is performed by the DSP resource manager each time one of the channels is activated or deactivated.

21. (Original) A method as in claim 20, wherein reallocating the DSP resources between each of the DSP groups by the DSP resource manager, is performed as necessary, each time a call is activated or deactivated.

22. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:

a plurality of digital signal processing (DSP) resources; and

a DSP resource manager configured to allocate the DSP resources among DSP resource groups according to requirements of a plurality of channels utilizing the DSP resources, allocating sufficient DSP resources to one of the DSP resource groups to process all of the plurality of channels.

23. (Original) The system as claimed in claim 22 wherein the DSP resource manager allocates the DSP resources into two or more DSP resource groups.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Previously Presented) The system as claimed in claim 23 wherein one of the DSP resource groups is a compression group comprised of DSP resources which compress voice and data information transmitted over the channels.

26. (Original) The system as claimed in claim 25 wherein one of the DSP resource groups is a PCM group comprised of DSP resources which compress the voice and data information using pulse code modulation ("PCM").

27. (Original) The system as claimed in claim 26 wherein the PCM group contains sufficient DSP resources to process all of the channels not being processed by the compression group.

28. (Original) The system as claimed in claim 23 wherein each of the plurality of channels is comprised of active channels and inactive channels.

29. (Original) The system as claimed in claim 28 wherein the DSP resource manager allocates sufficient DSP resources to a first DSP resource group to process all of the active channels not being processed by the remaining DSP resources.

30. (Original) The system as claimed in claim 29 wherein the first DSP resource group is a PCM group comprised of DSP resources which perform pulse code modulation.

31. (Original) The system as claimed in claim 30 including a compression group comprised of DSP resources which compress channels at a higher compression ratio than DSP resources within the PCM group.

32. (Original) The system as claimed in claim 31 wherein the DSP resource manager reallocates the number of DSP resources required in the PCM group to process all active channels not being processed by the remaining DSP resources after one or more of the channels are inactivated or deactivated.

33. (Original) The system as claimed in claim 32 wherein groups of the plurality of channels are grouped together in a carrier system.

34. (Original) The system as claimed in claim 33 wherein the carrier system is comprised of T1 carriers.

35. (Canceled)

36. (Currently Amended) ~~An apparatus as in claim 35, further comprising a~~ An apparatus comprising:

means for managing a digital signal processing (DSP) system to ensure DSP availability for each of a number of channels as individual ones of said channels are activated or deactivated; and

means for grouping various number of said channels together in a carrier system.

37. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as in claim 36, wherein said carrier system is comprised of T1 lines.

38. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as in claim 37, wherein each of a number of T1 lines is initialized as DSP resources become available.

39. (Canceled)

40. (Currently Amended) ~~An apparatus as in claim 39,~~ An apparatus comprising:  
means for managing a digital signal processing (DSP) system to ensure DSP  
availability for each of a number of channels as individual ones of said channels are  
activated or deactivated, wherein ensuring DSP availability comprises allocating a  
number of DSP resources among activated ones of the channels, and wherein allocation of said DSP resources to DSP groups is performed by a DSP resource manager according to information compression requests associated with the activated channels.

41. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as in claim 40, wherein configuring of each of said DSP resources to process one or more of said activated channels is dependent upon the compression scheme selected.

42. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as in claim 41, further comprising a means for assigning a sufficient number of DSP resources to each of a number of DSP groups to process information transmitted within all activated channels.

43. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as in claim 42, further comprising a means for recalculating the number of DSP resources assigned to each of the DSP groups is

performed by the DSP resource manager each time one of the channels is activated or deactivated.

44. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as in claim 43, wherein reallocating the DSP resources between each of the DSP groups by the DSP resource manager, is performed as necessary, each time a call is activated or deactivated.

45. (New) The system as in claim 7, wherein said DSP resources are assigned to a pulse code modulation (PCM) group to process activated channels in a baseline PCM mode and a compression group to process activated channels in a compression ratio other than the baseline PCM mode, and wherein the DSP resource manager is configured to reserve a sufficient number of DSP resources in the PCM group to ensure processing of any of the activated channels.

46. (New) The system as in claim 45, wherein said DSP resource manager is configured to recalculate a number of idle channels and a number of PCM resource channels that must be reserved to ensure processing of all the number of idle channels.

47. (New) The system as in claim 46, wherein said DSP resource manager is further configured to recalculate DSP resource availability in the PCM group each time one of said channels is deactivated.

48. (New) The method as in claim 17, wherein allocation comprises assigning said DSP resources to a pulse code modulation (PCM) group to process activated channels in a baseline PCM mode or a compression group to process activated channels in a



compression ratio other than the baseline PCM mode according to the information compression requests.

49. (New) The method as in claim 48, further comprising reserving, by the DSP resource manager, a sufficient number of DSP resources in the PCM group to ensure processing of any of the activated channels.

50. (New) The method as in claim 49, further comprising recalculating, by the DSP resource manager, a number of idle channels and PCM group channels that must be reserved to ensure processing of all the idle channels.

51. (New) The method as in claim 49, further comprising recalculating, by the DSP resource manager, the DSP availability in the PCM group each time one of said channels is deactivated.